Last week the Mums and Dads took over the newsletter – this week it’s our turn!
Welcome to our student newsletter – we hope you enjoy our news!

Dear Parents,
This year all of the year six kids are in three leadership groups, which are Social Justice, Fire Carriers and Sustainability.

All of the leadership groups have been working very hard this year in each of the allocated sessions. We have had many fundraisers, made posters and we are hoping to get more events up and going.

I would also like to recognize the year 4/5 students that have been participating in the Tech Angles on a Wednesday during our leadership time.

The following people are in our leadership groups:

**Sustainability:** Brayden Summerville, Michael Brooks, Brandon Colman, Tyler Atkins, Maggy Sessions, Georgia Walpole and Emily Dietrich.

**Social Justice:** Giaan Atkins, Byron Woods, Casey Legge, James Madden, Kasey Brinsdon and Aleisha Harding.

**Fire Carriers:** Giaan Atkins, Byron Woods and Casey Legge.

We would like to congratulate Byron Woods on joining our team of School Captains. Georgia Walpole and Michael Brooks are our school captains, and our Vice Captains are Aleisha Harding and Byron Woods.

The 4/5/6 students have been working on their PLP (Personal Learning Projects). This has resulted in many brilliant ideas, one of which is “St. Francis’ Got Talent” by Bella Sheehan, which all the little kids just love.

We would like to welcome the ACU Student Teachers who are completing their final teaching tasks in the lovely town of Nathalia.

Last Friday we had some very important guests from the Catholic Education Office come to visit our school. Some students from grade 5/6 welcomed them to our school. The grade 2’s participated in a very special prayer with the visitors and the grade 3 students took our visitors around to all the classrooms. All the students did a great job representing our school.

Last week all the year 4/5/6 students went to the church to celebrate the Feast Day of the Assumption of Mary, Mother of God. We reflected on this and the three qualities of Mary being obedience, trust and being humble, and what these qualities mean to us today.

Just a Reminder that we will be holding a Father’s Day celebratory lunch on Friday 30th August. Please remember to send the notes back to school that went home yesterday. Also, on Friday children are allowed to wear their footy colors to school to support their favorite teams.

Aleisha Harding

Aleisha Harding on behalf of all of your School Captains.

Dear God,
Help us live as St Francis lived. Make every act in our lives an act of love. We all have wonderful gifts given by God, when we recognise these gifts we will do all the things you dreamed of us doing. We pray for our families, our friends and all who make our school a happy and welcoming place to be. Amen

**Key Dates**

**Week 7**

- **Thursday, 29 August 2013**
  - PSG Meetings

- **Friday, 30 August 2013**
  - Father’s Day Celebration,
    - Lunch for Dad’s and visitors 1pm

**Coming Up Soon**

**Monday, 2nd September**

**School Closure Day**

- **Tuesday, 3 September 2013**
  - Board Meeting 7 p.m.

- **Friday, 13 September 2013**
  - School Athletic Sports

- **Thursday, 19 September 2013**
  - Prep/Gr 1 Excursion

- **Friday, 20 September 2013**
  - Last day of term.
    - 2.20pm finish
Personalised Learning Project: Giaan Atkins

Hello my name is Giaan, and for my PLP I am working with Emily and Kasey. We have been creating a themed restaurant with the name Kamily Gi’s Jazz Restaurant. Hopefully, some of the teachers are coming to our lovely restaurant. We are about half way through the design of our restaurant. It will be lovely.

P.L.P. Fun! Maggy Sessions

In the grade 4/5/6 classes, we are all working on our own projects: a Personalized Learning Project (P.L.P.). There is pretty much anything you can do: There are building, cooking, music, dancing & fundraiser projects. Bella S is even creating a TV show called St Francis’ Got Talent. Georgia W, Abbey C & Teashia D had a fundraiser on the 22/8/13 raising money for Rachel Quinn to support our local Nursing Student to volunteer in Africa. We all dressed in colorful clothes and bought cupcakes and lollies. Maddy P has created a radio station where she plays music during some recesses and lunches and we have loved seeing the Flash Mob dancing choreographed by Kasey Brinsdon. It is a fun and exciting way of learning new things.

Soft Ball Report by Maggy Sessions and Kiarah Hibberson

In Winter Sports Softball on Friday we played a home game against St Joseph’s Numurkah. We had lots of fun, really had a go and played our best. Unfortunately, we lost by a mere 2 runs; the total score was 14 to 16. We thank the 3 grade 3’s that played with our team: Jarryd Taylor (who hit a fantastic home run with full bases helping our team score another 4 runs in the second innings), Ebony James, Mak Hindmarsh and Mak’s dog (who didn’t play), but escorted us safely home.

Woodwork with the Secondary Kids by Josh Plattfuss

Mitch and I went to the Nathalia Secondary College to participate in the woodwork class. I helped some Year 7 students. I got to use a drop saw and an engraver, which burns letters in the wood. We were really excited to find out all about what we have to look forward to in Woodwork when we get to high school.

Mrs Jean’s Quilt by Aimee Wilson and Tammy Woods

The 4/5 students would like to say a BIG thank you to Alison Dietrich and Kerry Conroy for giving up their time to help us make a “Get Well” quilt for our teacher, Mrs Jean. All the students worked very hard to make the quilt. We all used the sewing machines and made our own little square with our name on it. Alison took it home and put it together and it looks AMAZING! We can’t wait to give it to Mrs Jean.
FOOTY REPORT by Mitch Taylor
On Friday 23rd of the August we went down to the Recreation Reserve to play our very last game of winter sports for 2013 against St Joseph’s Numurkah.
It was a hard game. In the first half the wind helped a lot, but in the last half it was a real battle.
The rucks from our school were fantastic. The rucks were Brayden Summerville, Byron Woods, Tyler Atkins and Mitchell Taylor.
The umpires picked the rucks [half the time].
The final score was 3 Goals 4 Behinds to 10 Goals 8 Behinds in favor of St Joseph’s.
The goal kicker was Brayden Summerville.
A full back from St Josephs tackled Giaan and she landed on her hand, but she was very brave about her injury, taking one for the team.
Josh Woods got cleaned up but was tough and played on.
Well done, Josh!
The votes from Mr. Kelly went to
Brayden Summerville
4. Byron Woods
3. Tyler Atkins
2. Brock Hawker
1. Cody Doolan Fisher
Coachers award: Josh Woods

CYBER SAFETY by Kiarah Hibberson
On Monday Grades 4-5-6 joined with Grades 5-6 from Nathalia Primary school to learn about how to be safe online.
Some key tips for parents and students are:
• Don’t leave children behind closed doors, when online.
• Don’t ever be afraid to speak to a trusted adult about bullying or feeling unsafe online.
• Don’t chat to people online if you don’t know them in real life.
• Don’t give away personal information or photographs, because anyone can send them on without your permission.
Each family was given a “Show Bag” with useful information on DVD and paper and games to play on CD-ROM.
If parents want more information they can visit www.thinkuknow.org.au
KEEP SAFE KIDS & KEEP KIDS SAFE!

Fire Carriers: By Byron Woods
Mrs. Baker is The Leading teacher for the Fire Carriers. We started off this year with a ceremony to initiate the Fire Carriers for 2013: Byron Woods, Giaan Atkins and Casey Legge.
This term we are preparing for Open Doors fundraiser, which we will tell you more about in Term 4.

HAIRDRESSING by Alyssa Fitzgerald
On Wednesday the 21st of August, three lucky students along with some students from Nathalia Primary had the privilege of going to the hairdressing class being held at the Secondary School. When we arrived we were able to see how a salon was set out and some of the ‘tools’ that are used in hairdressing. We were shown how to braid hair and then we had the chance to practice this on mannequins. We found out that a neat and tight braid is hard to do, but we will practice this more in our own time. We can all say that we had a wonderful time.

NETBALL REPORT by Kasey Brinsdon
On Friday, the senior school went down to the Nathalia Football/Netball ground.
It was St. Francis VS St. Joeys Numurkah. The scores were St. Francis on 1 and St. Joeys on 17. We all played really well even though we didn’t win. We all played our hardest and we all did well. I would just like to thank Abbey Bell for getting that goal for us and I think that the other girls were really stoked about it too. So thanks HEAPS Abbey! We love you.
BOOK WEEK PARADE

On Friday, 16 August 2013, we had our book week parade where students and teachers dressed up as their favourite book characters, and what a wonderful costumes and characters there were! Harry Potter was a popular choice, as was Pippy Long Stocking. A big thank you to our judges, Donna Hicks from the Nathalia Library and Chris Matthews, Miss Cowcher’s Mum, who were our judges for the parade. What a big job! We all participated in Book Week activities for the rest of the day. It was a fantastic day. Thank you to everyone for joining in all the fun!

On the 22 of August, Abbey Conroy, Teashia Dietrich & Georgia Walpole were busy making money and selling cupcakes, lolly bags and lolly pops to raise money for Rachel Quinn who is volunteering in a little town called St Lucia in South Africa. In total we raised $503.65 (WOW!), and grade 5/6 was the winning grade raising $106.80! The people who wore the most colorful clothes were Bridie Wilson, Brady Walpole, Ella Bryant, Mrs. Williams, Billy Brinsdon, Alyssa Fitzgerald & Kasey Brinsdon! We would like to give a BIG thank you to Nicole Walpole & Kerry Conroy for helping us, and to every one who donated money!

GOOD LUCK RACHAEL

By Teashia Dietrich, Abbey Conroy & Georgia Walpole!
Below left: a sample of the yummy cupcakes. Right: Teashia, Abbey, Georgia and Rachael.